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GOODS FOR SHIPMENT

Firmly, insufficient packing of goods for shipment costs American manufacturers many thousands of dollars every year. The introduction of cheap substitutes for substantial wooden cases, is responsible for much of the trouble, although modern conditions of transportation and freight handling make it more necessary than ever before that goods in transit should be thoroughly protected. American consuls abroad have protested or years that bad packing lost a vast amount of trade to our exporters. Now the abuse has become a serious matter in respect to domestic shipments. More attention is given all the time to making packages attractive in appearance, but less care is taken to make them safe.

A Pittsburgh traffic expert lately estimated that "in 85 per cent of the small-lot shipments moving today the construction of the material forming the box or crate, the size of the nails, etc., are entirely inadequate to protect the contents."

Fruit is shipped in paper-tin crates that are sometimes literally churned into pulp in transit. Tobacco is sent by rail in cases so flimsy that they can be perforated with a lead pencil. A shipment of tobacco in small bags arrived recently at Philadelphia with one-third of the cases so badly damaged that the contents could be easily removed through the breaks. Heavy hardware is seldom packed carefully enough to keep it from breaking through its casing. Very often no thought is taken of the damage that may be done to freight when packed in cars with heavy, rough or pointed articles.

It is impossible for the carriers to prevent damage under such circumstances. The greatest care may be used in stowing goods in a car at the beginning of a haul, but as consignments for different stations are taken out, disarrangement follows that may be dangerous to the remaining freight, but a restowage at each stop of the train is impossible.

All authorities agree that the way to save the large sums now lost through insufficient packing is to go back to substantial wooden cases. No safe substitute has been found for them, although the first cost of the flimsy materials may be less.

Mitchell's Letters in N. A.

The Sunday North American has arranged to publish a series of twelve articles by John Mitchell on important phases of present-day industrial conditions. One will appear each week, beginning next Sunday, September 24. No man in the country is better fitted by experience and temperament to discuss the vital issues which affect the wage earner the confidence of his fellow-workers, the respect of employers and the admiration of the great public. His integrity is unquestioned; his grasp of these big questions unequalled. And he writes with a direct simplicity that gives vigor to his views. Every worker—every citizen; indeed, who is concerned in the problems of the day—should follow this series in the Sunday North American. Following are some of the subjects to be treated: The Wage Earners and the Trusts. The Wage Earners and the Judiciary. The Wage Earners and Labor Organizations. The Wage Earners and Occupational Diseases. The Wage Earners and Compensation for Accidents. The Wage Earners and Industrial Efficiency. The Wage Earners and Immigration. The Wage Earners and the Church. These articles are bound to create an unusually large sale for the Sunday North American, and it would be advisable for all who are interested in the above articles to see their newsdealer and order him to reserve a copy.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

See the land before you buy it. Apples should be carefully assorted. Cool the cream as soon as possible after separating.

Prepared dips kill lice. A lousy cow is a hard keeper. Oats should be made a part of the ration of the growing colt.

It is often a good plan to turn weanling lambs into the cornfield. Don't give the pigs a setback by a day or two of carelessness.

The comfortable cow is usually one that produces the best profit. Change pastures often to give the grass a chance to start up fresh.

Corn silage is an excellent calf feed when fed in moderate amount. Allow no weeds to go to seed. This will make cultivation easier next year.

Spring pigs can get along very well without shelter except from rain until fall. A silo should be not less than 30 feet deep or more than 12 or 14 feet in diameter.

Scalding water is an essential in the dairy. When butter prices are low there is absolutely no excuse for keeping poor cows.

An accessible supply of pure, cold water should always be available for the herd. Tainted, musty or mouldy feeds should never be served in the dairy herd rations.

One of the best indications of a good milk cow is the large and tortuous milk veins. Care should be taken that the cow does not have to wade through filth in the barnyard.

Pouring or dipping the milk several times from one can to another rapidly cools it. To do good work the cream separator must be level and on a good solid foundation.

The separator means the greatest profit with the least cost in handling and marketing milk. Cucumbers are fit to gather for slicing when full grown.

Keep wood ashes where the pigs can eat of them at any time. There is always much difficulty in keeping cans clean and sweet in very warm weather.

The hog on pasture requires 20 per cent less grain than the one in a pen. The most profitable pork is produced by using as largest possible feed than corn.

Rape will stand a vast amount of stable manure and give a surprising growth of green feed. The only hog pasture crop that may be sown now to furnish fall feed is cowpeas or sorghum.

Never throw fruit of any kind into a basket or box. Lay it gently. Watermelons are ripe when the stem of the melon commences to turn dark.

Pumpkins have a tough rind and need not be gathered before frost kills the vines. Alfalfa pasture seems to be par excellence for a hog, and it should be grown where possible.

When the boar pigs are about five months old they should be separated from the rest of the herd. When grapes are bagged at an early stage there is hardly any work in the fruit line that pays better.

Out sprouts about shade trees, plum and apples. They only take strength from the main plant. If the pig is stunted in its food at any stage of its life, it can never become a perfect pork producer.

Grow pumpkins and squash before a hard frost and store away in a dry place (not in a damp cellar). The best cord-cutting outfit for the average farmer is a portable engine with a large cutter and blower attachment.

The vitality of the sow is lowered by poor sleeping quarters and the pigs when born are apt to lack vigor. The dairyman who does not understand the elementary principles of feeding is not abreast of the times.

The man who feeds for milk or beef can afford to handle nothing but animals which make economical returns. It is false economy to breed from poor cows; better sell three of them, and with the proceeds buy one good animal.

Summer squash should be gathered when half grown. Winter squash should remain on the vines until cool weather. One peck of sliced pumpkin mixed with two quarts of wheat bran, given to the family cow at night, will increase the quality and quantity of the milk.

Considerable attention has been paid by the creameries the last year or two to ice cream making, and it has proven a very profitable side line of the creameries. Hogs will not thrive on sour and decomposed food any more than men will. See that they get fresh, clean water to drink.

A shed that is warm and poorly ventilated will often cause the sheep's wool to loosen, besides injuring the animals' vitality. Quality in form, disposition and general conformation must be coupled with the size and style to get the best in each class of horses.

Cabbage will sometimes cause slobber in horses caused by eating white clover, but it is better to keep the clover away from the horses. Be sure that you furnish proper quarters for the farrowing sow. You can't afford to lose a single one of the little "queens" this season.

In real warm weather it will pay and pay well to round up the young pigs every ten days or two weeks and give them a thorough wetting.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

A postal savings bank will be established at New Castle October 7.

Contractors have begun work on the State road between Chesapeake City and Knight's Corner.

A foul ball struck Thomas Warren in the face at New Castle, broke off several teeth and loosened others.

William Mitchell, of near Greensboro, reports having made \$330 profit off two acres of cantaloupes.

Cholera has broken out among hogs in the vicinity of Galena, resulting in the death of nearly 50 so far.

Charged with violating the local option law, Webster Steeples and his son, John, have been arrested at Elkton.

The 43-acre farm of J. K. Legg, near Betterton, has been bought by Robert C. Morgan, of Galena, for \$4500.

State Organizer Marion Dawson has organized a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry with 35 members at Maryland.

After spending a Saturday night in Milton, Charles Jackson, a nearby farmer reported the theft of \$38 to the police.

Cecil Prohibitionists have issued a call for a county convention in Pleasant Hill Free Methodist Church, September 27.

Frightened at a trolley car at New Castle, a horse owned by Alfred Wright jumped a stone wall and demolished the wagon.

Because of two cases of typhoid fever in Milton, the Board of Health has ordered a general cleaning up and the removal of several pig pens.

A horse owned by Emmett Baynard, of near Wye Mills, ran away in Centerville, collided with a telephone pole and was instantly killed.

Harry Wilson, colored, of Cecilton, Md., is in Wilmington hospital suffering from stab wounds over his body, the result of a fight with another negro.

Edward Dougherty, of Rising Sun, was held up by a stranger near his home, but got the highwayman to fight before he secured any of his valuables.

The new steamer, the Caroline Vineyard, made her maiden trip from Milford to Philadelphia last week and will continue making two trips a week this winter.

County Tax Collector E. L. Hosen has filed civil suits against 70 persons who own farms in Christiana hundred and have failed to pay the county taxes for 1909 and 1910.

While cleaning out hedge rows along his farm on the outskirts of Elkton, Elzy Wright found a land terrapin, on the bottom shell of which were several initials and the date 1885.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation, of Wilmington, has secured a contract to build a steel steamboat, 215 feet long, for the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company of Boston.

Harry Richardson, a young farmer of New Castle, has sued the Kent County Commissioners for \$150 damages for injuries to a horse, which fell into a ditch along a highway.

A candle in the hands of Samuel Nickerson fired the drapery in the dining room of his home in New Castle, but his father, Magistrate Nickerson, was nearby and extinguished the flames.

The Wilmington Southern Traction Company, at New Castle, has spent several thousands of dollars in equipping a machine shop and erecting new pits for the prompt handling of cars in repair work.

Plans have been outlined for a new trolley line between New Castle and Wilmington, taking a route east of the cut-off tracks of the Delaware Railroad and running close to the four New Castle steel plants.

Having escaped from the Ferrie Reform School several weeks ago by eluding the officers while working in the truck patch, Charles Crosby, aged 18 years, was recaptured, in Wilmington and returned to the institution.

When Magistrate Nickerson, of New Castle heard the suit of Helen Davis, a negro, against Clarence White, a negro charged with breaking the nose of Helen with a stone, the Magistrate decided the broken nose was worth \$3 and costs.

The State Board of Education at a recent meeting adopted a book for the schools, entitled "Once Upon a Time in Delaware." It is distinctly a Delaware volume, having been written by a Delawarean and printed and bound by a Delawarean.

Coincidentally with the projection of the duPont boulevard, Sussex county farmers have started a project to establish an auto truck line to Wilmington, in order to convey their farm produce to market on a co-operative basis, and at night; saving light thereby and getting it to the consumer early and still fresh.

OWNS ONE THIRD OF TOWN

Because the town of Gumboro is located mostly on land formerly belonging to David Gumbory, Mrs. Laura C. Gumbory, his widow, will take one-third of each lot of land in the town, according to a decision given in Georgetown by the Orphans' Court.

Forty years ago the land of Gumbory was sold by the Sheriff, and the town of Gumboro was started on the tract, streets laid out, lots sold and houses and stores built. Since then the town has prospered and become a busy country village. Last year Gumbory died and his widow came forward, claiming that although the land had been sold, she had never waived her dower rights and they were now coming to her.

Suit was brought and the court decided that Mrs. Gumbory was entitled to one third of all the land formerly belonging to David Gumbory and sold by the Sheriff.

The decision is far reaching, and should Mrs. Gumbory be so disposed, she could compel the business men and residents of Gumboro to cut off one third of their property for her. It is very probably that arrangements will be made for a cash consideration instead of the division of the land; but the property owners in Gumboro will be compelled to pay one third more on their land after they thought they held title to the property.

RAISED THAT WAY

People are accustomed to talk of crimes as a terrible thing and say that the son has fallen dreadfully when he has not fallen at all. He was raised that way. Rights here in this county, some fathers and mothers are educating their children in the requirements of first class devils. Of course they do not mean to do so but they are the least. Boys are let run wild, are let carouse in the streets until after midnight and never put to work. It is a natural for the idle boy to go to the bad as it is for them to live. The influence is that way. Instead of the pure God half loved atmosphere of home many boys are let breathe the unwholesome air of a crowd of smokers and listen to the oath-sworn more often than prayers are offered at home. Parents are responsible for their boys and should surround them with attractive home influences. Train boys to go in good company and he will go there; let him go wild and his associates will be anything but good.

A Speaking Timepiece

A German inventor has manufactured a clock that announces the hours and quarters in an "agreeable voice." Its wheels actuate a stout bell, which runs over a roll connected with a sounding box. Upon this bell or film the hours, which have been recorded by the phonograph, are impressed by galvanization on a copper plate. The mechanism which moves the hands is connected with the speaking device, and this with a funnel which reinforces the sound and projects it outward through a finely grated opening attached to the narrow side of the clock.

At night a touch of the lever reduces the clock to silence. But if one wakes and wishes to know the hour without striking a light, an easily found button is pressed and the clock immediately states the time. The speech film is practically indestructible and occupies very little space, because of its elasticity, it may be wound upon a very small roll.

School Children to Get a Bath

The new school building in Bridgeville is completed and ready for use. School started in the new school last Monday morning, with Prof. K. M. Wiley as principal and Miss Annie Lednum, Annie Dickerson, Olive Jacobs, Elta Gray and Margaret Longendyke as assistants.

The new building is modern and up-to-date in every respect. It is built of concrete brick, rock surface finish and is two stories high, with 8 rooms, including the basement, as play rooms for the children when too stormy to play out side. Bath rooms are provided and every scholar will take a bath once a week.

The new building presents a handsome appearance, of which the people are justly proud.

Wounded Burglar Hiding

Somewhere in Newark or vicinity, hiding his injuries from the authorities, is a wounded burglar. Several nights ago Walter Moore, who lives with his mother in-law, Mrs. Frank Willis, on Cleveland avenue, was awakened by a noise at one of the second story windows. On making an examination he found a man in the act of climbing in the window from a porch. Moore asked the man what he wanted and then ran for his gun. When he returned the intruder had jumped from the porch, but Moore shot at him, and evidently struck the burglar, for the next morning blood was found near the gate. Since then Officer Allen Reed has been looking for the wounded man, but so far without success.

All Cut Up

Harry, Wilson, colored, aged 27 years, of Cecilton, Md., was taken to Wilmington Sunday, and removed to the Delaware Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from numerous stab wounds on the head, arms and chest. He had been in a fight with another man who attacked him with a razor and slashed him in a frightful manner. His condition is serious but his recovery is expected.

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COST OF LIVING INCREASING

Price of Foodstuffs Continues to Advance Steadily in All Sections

While thousands are starving in China, and France is being torn by riots in protest against the high cost of food, attention in the United States is directed to the fact that sugar has reached its highest point in twelve years, that coffee is soaring and that potatoes are selling as high as \$1.10 a bushel in the field. In view of this, householders are asking themselves: "Will this winter see a recurrence of the conditions of 1909-10, when the cost of living reached its apex and declined slowly after many so-called boy-cotts against meat and other high-price commodities were declared throughout the land?"

To this question economic experts in New York answer "no." Prices will be higher, they say, in some instances above those of last winter, but they add that the man who sets his table with plain fare, avoiding fancy brands and luxuries, may await the approach of cold weather without undue anxiety. It is pointed out that, generally speaking, with the exception of coffee, sugar, potatoes and a few canned vegetables, the present month was unsharpened in with conditions more favorable to the consumer than was the case a year ago.

Notwithstanding advice of New York experts upon this question, these living in this section of the country are paying more for nearly all of the necessities of life than they were one year ago, and, while these prices may be cut to some extent in the future, our merchants have not yet learned, apparently, of the decrease since September 1st, as the following paragraphs show:

On September 1st, 1911, mess pork was quoted at \$19 a barrel wholesale, as against \$24 on the same date in 1910; the wholesale price of ham was a little more than 15 cents a pound, as compared with 18 cents in the early fall of last year; western lard was selling at a fraction more than nine cents, as against more than 12 cents in September, 1910, and butter and eggs were comparatively reasonable and a few cents cheaper retail than in last September.

Flour of good quality is selling at lowest retail prices at \$5.95 a barrel, the same price that prevailed at this time last year, and bacon may be had at some stores for 20 cents a pound, as against 23 and 25 cents a year ago.

The cost of poultry will be largely determined by cold storage holdings. The indications are that the shortage of potatoes will be serious, not only in the United States, but in Great Britain and Germany. In the fall of last year one could buy potatoes in the field at 55 cents a bushel; today the prices range from 85 cents to more than a dollar. Canned peas, beans and tomatoes also will be higher, but rice remains cheap, and unless there is a marked advance in pork the man with slender means should be able to provide for his family without serious strain.

SLEEPERS JUMP FROM FIRE

WILMINGTON, DEL., Sept. 18.—Hemmed in by fire which broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the double frame house at the Baltimore & Ohio crossing at Kiameni, the occupants had to jump from second-story windows and escaped without injury. Mrs. Mary Colgan, a widow, and her three small children occupy one side, and John Paskoff, his wife and small child lived in the other.

A young son of Mrs. Colgan probably saved the lives of all. He was aroused by a choking sensation and found his room filled with smoke. He ran to his mother's room and called her, and Mrs. Colgan rolled the lower part of the building enveloped in flames. She dropped her three children from a front window, one by one and then she jumped.

In the meantime Paskoff had been awakened and he jumped from a second-story window. His wife dropped their baby into his arms and then the husband caught Mrs. Paskoff when she jumped. The double building was burned to the ground and all the contents were consumed. The fire started in a rear shed.

HICKS RIGHT IN IT

The weather, an overworked subject of conversation and a topic upon which writers for the press usually concentrate their attention when shy of politics, scandal or other newspaper gossip, has formed the basis of general conversation for a week or more past. Heretofore, the drought had the call and long and loud was the complaint sent up by the farmer and trucker, and the water consumer in the city. However, all fears upon this score may now be said to have been allayed, as the rainfall seems to have been sufficient for all purposes.

However the skeptical may feel inclined to hoot at the prediction of Brother Hicks who forecasts are made a year or more in advance they must give him credit for "hitting" it this month. Brother Hicks said we would have "rain in abundance," perhaps too much for growing crops and the rains descended, and then again more rain. Score one for Hicks.

When doing plain sewing, try using the little wire paper clips, which business men use for holding papers together. Instead of much basting, place some of these little fasteners on the machine. You will find them very handy.

A handy imitation of glass, for the shutting out of undesirable sights, or insuring privacy in a room, is now sold in the department stores, says the Commoner. It is inexpensive, and easily applied. It comes in many designs or colors, imitating stained glass.

Plain or spotted net should be starched with full boiling water starch, as it does not take stiffening readily, then dried and dampened. Then iron on the wrong side, ironing to the width, as otherwise it will wring down and become stringy; the edges must be kept straight.

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PARTISAN WISDOM

In the past two years the voters in some two dozen or more States in their state, congressional and municipal elections, have plainly rebuked the reactionary policies pursued by Mr. Taft's administration. The Democracy has been swept into power in the House of Representatives, and with the help of the Progressive Republicans—now permanently antagonistic to Taft's folly—they have also a majority in the Senate.

To anybody but one wilfully self-blinded, these blunt rebukes of the American people, would serve as useful warnings. They have but spurred Mr. Taft, stubbornly sticking to his folly, to rush more madly on to the destruction, which if he be renominated, will visit the party also.

At the last State election, our party received here in Delaware several warning jolts in the defeat of our candidate for Attorney-General and the imperiling of the Treasurer. Since then this independent spirit in the voters has grown in this State as elsewhere all over the land. Plainly the day for blind, thick and thin partisanship is past; and even if as a Republican journal we desired to promote the candidacy of unfit or unpopular candidates, it would be bad policy to do so, for the people will no longer tolerate mere partisan or machine tactics and any attempts at enforcement of either will react disastrously upon the party practicing them.

Although the next election is more than a year off, already we hear of many aspirants throughout the county for places on the Republican ticket—indeed, their number is so great, we fear the offices will not begin to go around.

The editor of THE TRANSCRIPT in the past two weeks has been talking over political matters with some of the present office-holders and is amazed to discover that without a single exception the present county officials whose terms expire in 1912, will be candidates to succeed themselves.

Three of these professional office-holders are finishing their second terms of four years and one a first term in county offices, and all are seeking four more years of lucrative office. Other self-announced candidates for the above four offices, are also now chronic office holders.

In a word, New Castle County today is, and for years has been, in the absolute possession of a few politicians who are still figuring to perpetuate themselves in their fat offices indefinitely, to the utter exclusion of other equally true and worthy Republicans who in the hustings and at the polls have long "borne the heat and burden of the day" for the party.

THE TRANSCRIPT would like to inquire how long these gentry purpose to keep this thing up? Or how much longer they imagine the people and the party voters will submit to it? Are we to have erected here in Delaware a batch of office-holding lords and barons prostituting indefinitely the party machinery and prestige to their own selfish purposes?

Some of the just criticisms of THE TRANSCRIPT upon the mistaken course in the past of its own party in State and Nation, have not always been well received by some of our Republican contemporaries. But any journal would be both wanting in self respect and derelict to the duty it owed its readers, were it to fail in pointing out the evils in its own household, which uncorrected would entail disaster upon the party.

We purpose, therefore, as best we may, to do our duty in speaking the plain truth in these matters, both here in Delaware and elsewhere.

The persistence of these chronic office-holders, ever greedily grabbing for more, more, if tamely submitted to at the primaries by the voters, will surely injure the party and may totally defeat the ticket at the polls.

THE TRANSCRIPT for one does not intend to allow any machine or set of life-serving placemen, to whip it into line in support of this ruinous policy; on the contrary it purposes to ventilate the whole business thoroughly and to this end, among other means, months before the primary elections, it will place the plain facts with its comments thereon, before all the Republican voters in rural New Castle County.

MAKE TOWN HALL SAFE

THE TRANSCRIPT is glad that one of the leading spirits in the New Century Club heartily approves of its criticism upon the dangerous condition of the very steep stairway exit in the Town Hall.

This lady also approves of the remedy suggested by THE TRANSCRIPT, viz. the one or more balustrades be placed in the centre of that wide and precipitous stairway. Once more we renew the warning that the most trivial thing may start a panic in the audience which will send a crowd of men, women and children rushing pell-mell down that almost straight, up and down stairway with the inevitable result that numbers, especially women tripping on their dresses, will tumble headlong down, at cost of many limbs and likely of some lives.

When one remembers that a needless panic started by a small boy yelling fire, caused at Connelleville just such a mad rush that killed several dozen people, it is simply tempting Providence to allow this stairway exit to go unremedied—that and the other peril of the inward opening door. What have we a Town Board for if not to protect the people from just such dangers? The New Board is doing many wise and useful things to give the people better civic accommodations; will they not also add this wise precaution against a possible public disaster to their other good works? Why should any private owner of property used for public purposes, be allowed to maintain a dangerous public nuisance? What right has any one to expose the public to any unnecessary danger such as this? Less than a year ago only a lucky chance prevented a stampede in the Hall filled with women and men.

Again the balustrade on the third floor, leading to the gallery is in a very perilous rickety condition which may cause death. The railing is merely hanging, so to speak by its eyelids and anyone leaning or pressing against it, is liable to go headlong and break his own or other's bones. And there is authority for saying that in such a case the town as well as the building owner, would be liable in damages for any injury or death caused by such unsafe stairway or balustrades, just the town is liable for negligent conditions on the streets etc. that occasion injury to any private citizen.

The ladies of the New Century Club, if they please can have these things remedied. Will they? Or shall we await the tragic illustration of some deadly panic to stir us to action?

CECILTON

Mr. Noble P. Ferguson spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Frederick E. Hoover was a Wilmington visitor on Sunday.

Mrs. P. Smith spent Monday with friends in Kent County.

Mrs. W. H. Kenny is visiting relatives and friends in Selbyville.

Messrs. S. W. Megill and J. P. McCoy were Elkton visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Davis, of Port Deposit, spent last week with Mrs. E. N. Crawford.

Mr. Harry Black, of Middletown, visited friends in town one day last week.

A. W. Jones, of near Massey, visited his mother Mrs. T. P. Jones on Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Lyon, of Baltimore, was the guest of Mrs. Edna Smith last week.

Miss Esther Davis, of Middletown, is the guest of Mrs. Cornelius Davis of near town.

Miss Georgina Walsley left on Monday for Baltimore to attend Normal School.

Mrs. Lewis W. Knight and Mrs. Laura Weed, of Philadelphia, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beckman and son of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens.

Rev. Robert Watt and Rev. W. H. Kenny were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Short.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Davis and two sons, of near Seaford, were guests of Mrs. Emma Peirce on Sunday.

Mr. Lewis Cruikshank has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cruikshank, of near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wooleyhan and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wooleyhan one day last week.

The members of Jr. League will hold a bake in the old school building, Saturday afternoon, September 23d. All kinds of home made breads, cakes and pies for sale, also ice cream. Proceeds for League. Come and help us.

ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins are Philadelphia visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller spent Sunday last with relatives here.

Miss Lucy Appleton is the guest of relatives in New Castle this week.

Miss Amelia Daniels is spending this week with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McCoy are visiting relatives in Galena, Md., this week.

Mr. Moody Stevens, of Chester, Pa., was a Sunday visitor with friends in town.

Miss Georgia Enos, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor at her home here.

Miss Mary Walker and mother, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. David Thornton and son Hartley spent Sunday last with relatives at Warwick, Md.

Dr. E. B. Lodge, wife and son are guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reiner, of Baltimore, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gray part of last week.

Master Irvin Rose, of Port Penn, spent part of last week with his aunt Miss Mollie Rose last week.

Miss Mabel Wallace visited her sister Miss Emma Wallace at Marshallsburg, Del., Saturday last week.

Mrs. Ella Smith and daughters Viola and Isabelle were guests of her sister, Mrs. William Hall in Middletown Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cleaver and little son Chance, of Wilmington, were guests of relatives near town part of this week.

Messrs. Warner Ginn and Francis Gray Messrs. Ebel Sparks and Amanda Moore, of St. George, were visitors at Mr. Harry Peckard and family Sunday.

PORT PENN

Reed birds are very scarce in the neighborhood.

George Webb and family entertained on Sunday Earl Arnold of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Walter Yearley and children are visiting Mrs. Albert Naylor in Camden, N. J.

Misses Vietch and Paxton, of Baltimore Md., are the guests of E. C. Webb and wife near town.

Conrad Zacheis and wife spent Sunday with Harry Keen and sister, Miss Anna, at Blackbird.

Mrs. Elwood Williams has as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. Andrew Reynolds, of Golts, Md.

Charles McEun and wife entertained over Tuesday night their aunt, Mrs. Julia Brewer, of Delaware City.

Mrs. Robert Carpenter spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Dilworth Vandegrift, near McDonough.

Mrs. Mary Collins has returned after spending a few days as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dale Bendler, of New Castle.

S. D. Collins has commenced to erect a new house, which will add greatly to the improvement of the street on which it is built.

Misses Bella Carpenter and Helena Ostenson left on Monday to assume their duties as teacher at Diehl's corner and VanDyke.

F. B. Stevens, of Washington, N. J., who has been visiting friends here the past week left on Tuesday for a visit with Odessa friends.

Principal Miss Esalah Davis from Philadelphia arrived on Saturday and both rooms opened on Monday with a large number enrolled.

Postmaster Robert S. Carpenter and George Shelton attended the funeral of Secretary of State William T. Smithers at Dover on Sunday last.

O. J. Eaton and wife spent Sunday with her parents at Newark. Her sisters Misses Lolita and Lizzie Wilson, also returned home after spending the summer here.

Rev. J. A. Leach left on Tuesday for Madison, N. J., where he expects to take a course in Drew Seminary. We are sorry to lose Mr. Leach as pastor here, but wish him success.

BLACKBIRD

Mr. W. A. Watson, Jr., spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. Victor Murphy, of Ambler, Pa., spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. Norman Taylor, of Washington, D. C. is visiting his sister, Mrs. Theodore Ferguson.

Miss Ethel Barnes, of Philadelphia, is visiting her cousin Miss Maud Walker near Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell, of near Wilmington, is visiting her sister Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith at Blackbird Station.

Our Epworth League services will be held on Sunday evening by Mrs. King. The topic being "The Exemplary Life."

Mrs. Temperance Brockton returned to her home on Saturday from a visit with Mrs. Alice Ferguson at Westmont, N. J.

Miss Ethel Taylor returned to her home on Saturday from an extended visit with her brother Mr. Norman Taylor in Washington, D. C.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 2 .88 1/2 Corn .50
No. 1 Yellow, shelled 70
Timothy Seed \$8.50 "cob.... 75

Clover Seed \$10.00 Oats..... 60
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE

Eggs, per doz..... 24@26
Country Butter, per lb..... 29@35
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 30@35

Lard, per lb..... 11@14
Live Chickens, per lb..... 15@18
Potatoes..... 75

Mr. William Janvier is our Grain Purchasing Agent at St. Georges.

ON HAND AT ALL TIMES HIGH-GRAD BITUMINOUS & LEHIGH

COAL!

SAWED WOOD by the Cord or in small quantities

Lime, Seed, Feed, &c.
SEED OATS

Now is the Time to Buy

And an inspection of these properties will make you seriously consider.

No. 580 130 acres at Quaker Neck Whl. 125 in cultivation, balance in timber, apple and pear orchard, meadow, good soil, fair fencing, near school, church and stores, 6 miles to Chester town, 8 room frame house, porch, good condition, stable, barn, carriage house, etc., shade, excellent well of water. Directly on Chester river. Cheap at \$7,500.

No. 578 191 acres, Broad Neck, Kent County, 108 cleared, balance in timber, apples and pears, 6 room frame house, tenant house of 5 rooms, stable, barn and carriage house, shade, good soil, good water, near school, church and stores. \$4,000.

J. WATERS RUSSELL

REAL ESTATE BROKER
Chester town, Maryland

Mrs. Rosa Weber

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

ICE CREAM, WATER

ICES, Etc.

Middletown, Delaware

Public Sale

Horses, Mules and Cows

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at the Middletown Hotel Stables, Middletown, Delaware

Saturday, Sept., 30th, '11

At 1.30 o'clock, P. M., Sharp

The following personal property to-wit:

8 HEAD OF

Horses, Mules

No. 1. PRINCE CAULK, Iron Gray Stallion, 2 years old, will weigh 1000 lbs. Sired by Caulk's horse and out of a Percheron mare.

No. 2. MYRTLE, Bay Mare, 3 years old, weight 1050 lbs., broken to all harness, work anywhere and fearless of all objects.

No. 3 and 4. TOBE and JULIA, pair of dark brown mules, 2 years old, mate up like one mule, will weigh about 1000 lbs. each. Out of Padley's Jack.

No. 5 and 6. Two sorrel yearling mules, out of Padley's Jack.

No. 7 and 8. One pair of dark brown yearling mules, out of Padley's Jack.

25 HEAD OF

Cattle

In this lot I will sell four registered Holsteins as follows: Roxie de Kol Pieterje, 2d, No. 78974; Roxie de Kol Pieterje, 2d, Lass, No. 133212; Mollie Harmon de Kol, No. 78875, H. F. H. B. Mary Harmon de Kol, No. 133211. Two of these registered cows have calves by their sides and the other two are close springers.

Ten Durham heifer, 2 years old, some of them now springing. Eleven Holstein Heifers, 2 years old, some of them are close springers.

Terms of Sale

On all sums of \$20.00 and under the Cash will be required, and on all sums over that amount a credit of six months will be given purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser.

Walter H. Schriver.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

Real Estate!

By virtue of the authority given them by the last will and testament of Elizabeth Morris, deceased, the undersigned will expose to sale at Public Vendue,

Saturday, September 30th, 1911

At 2 o'clock P. M.

At late residence of Elizabeth Morris, at Odessa, Delaware, the following described Real estate:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, situate in the town of Odessa, New Castle County, Delaware, with the residence and other buildings thereon erected, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the curb line at the Northeast corner of Main and Third Streets; thence with the curb line on Third Street North forty-two degrees forty-five minutes East one hundred and forty-seven feet to a stake, a corner for land of George L. Townsend; thence with his line North forty-six degrees thirty minutes West sixty-nine feet to a corner for this lot and land now or formerly of Gardner Keen; thence with his line South forty-two degrees forty-seven feet to the curb line on the East side of Main Street; and thence with said curb line South forty-six degrees thirty minutes East sixty-nine feet to the place of beginning. Be the contents thereof what they may.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by,

LEONARD V. ASPRIL, JR., and GEORGE L. TOWNSEND,

Executors of the estate of Elizabeth Morris, deceased.

Or by their Attorney, George L. Townsend, Jr.

The Transcript \$1

J. A. CLEAVER

AGENT FOR HIGH-GRADE

Phosphate

and Lime

I desire to inform the public that I have secured the agency for this locality for the F. S. ROYSTER PHOSPHATE, of all brands. I am also securing many orders for the well-known LEGORE and TYDE WATER LAND LIME, either in stone or hydrated.

I will be pleased to quote you prices or fill your order, be it large or small, at the lowest standard prices, either by rail or on Maryland waters.

The following letter is in reply to a letter I mailed the writer, and explains itself:

J. A. CLEAVER, Agent,

Middletown, Delaware

NEW OPENING

M. Miller & Sons

Ladies' and Gents' Tailors

We beg to announce the opening of our Tailoring Shop, carried on with a full line of Fall and Winter Woolens. First-class Suits made to order at possible prices. Also Cleaning, Dyeing, Scouring, Repairing and Pressing done neatly on Ladies' and Gents' Garments.

Good Work and Best Satisfaction Guaranteed

Main Street, Middletown, Del.

JAMES J. ROSS, President

WM. DENNY, Secretary and Treasurer

INCORPORATED 1847.

Kent County Mutual Insurance Co.

DOVER, DEL.

Insures Property Against Fire and Lightning

BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON THE MUTUAL SYSTEM

Has Returned to its Policy-Holders in Dividends and Surrendered Policies over \$500,000.00

Present Membership Over Eight Thousand, With Over

\$11,000,000.00 INSURANCE IN FORCE

AGENTS

J. A. JESTER, Agent, Delaware City; Del. D. B. MALONEY, Agent, Townsend, Del

AGENTS IN ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

ALWAYS IN THE LEAD

The J. E. Baker Co. Now offers for Sale

Victor Fine Ground Limestone

The Best Way to Lime

The United States Government and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experimental Stations are now recommending finely Ground Limestone as the best way of applying Lime to the soil.

It does not destroy manure, there is no danger of burning your crops, it keeps for years, and can be applied at any time, or season.

Easiest and Cheapest to Use

Comes packed in canvas bags or paper bags. Can be easily handled, and kept in storage indefinitely, without change or loss. No more laborious slaking, no more choking dust, nor scalding burns. Can be drilled into the soil or sowed on the surface and harrowed in. Saves half the cost of the old way of applying Lime. Is cheaper and better.

GIVES MAXIMUM RESULTS

It has been proved that very finely Ground Limestone produces as a fertilizer the same results pound for pound as air slaked Lime, or any other commercial fertilizer, and because VICTOR fine Ground Limestone is the purest, most finely ground Limestone on the market and because it destroys no manure or crop, it gives much better results than any other burned or hydrated Lime made.

See your Local Agent or write

J. E. Baker Company

York, Pa.

M. BANNING

East Main Street Market

DEALER IN

FANCY GROCERIES; DRY GOODS

AND NOTIONS

u e are paying special attention to our line of fruits and vegetables, having just fixed a sanit ry, arrangement for keeping them under screen. Also the same arrangement for our meats, as we think we can give better service to our trade, through this means of protection.

Don't forget our High grade coffee, when you want a pound of Very good coffee, try one of ours as we have fourteen different blends.

e think we can suit every one in price as well as quality.

For the next few days we will sell the 35c "JACKSON SQUARE" coffee at 25 cents.

The agent having gone back on his word about advertising it here; we will sell this lot at a sacrifice. Try a pound as this will be your only chance to buy it at this price.

Don't forget us when you need fruit jars; jelly glasses; sealing wax and paraffine wax.

e have every thing in now for preserving and pickling.

Heinz Pure Vinegar and white wine vinegar.

M. BANNING

Phone 60

East Main St.

Middletown, Delaware

OUR FALL EXHIBIT

Of all the New Things for Men and Boys to Wear

OUR big Fall stock is now complete. It is an exhibit embodying clever conceptions of good tastes and combining all the new style features of the season. It is Middletown's foremost exhibit to which everyone is invited to come and look, stay as long as agreeable, ask questions, and be shown.

A Superb Style Show

FULL OF FASCINATING INTEREST FOR all men who like to know what to wear

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7:35 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:15 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8:05 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Ocean—7:50 a. m., 4:30 p. m., 11:30 a. m., 2 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., SEP. 23, 1911

LOCAL NEWS

Fresh Pork, Lamb, Beef and Veal, At SHIVERS MEAT MARKET.
Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

FOR SALE—My stock and fixtures. Will sell at a sacrifice if sold soon.
W. T. JOHNSON.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Children's Dresses and Coats.
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

A Keen Kutter Safety Razor will give you the best shave.
REIDGRAVE BROS.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.
FRESH AND SALT FISH at my store at all times.
W. C. JONES.

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.

HIDES WANTED.—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides.
W. C. JONES.

The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal, at W. C. Jones's.

WANTED—\$2500 at 5 per cent. on first mortgage. Apply to
TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

Of course you want a good paint, Weather-Resistant Paint is good paint.
REIDGRAVE BROS.

Chickens, Eggs, and everything usually found in an up-to-date meat market. At SHIVERS MEAT MARKET.

Every Transcript subscriber will read this weeks "ad" of Fogel and Burstan—that's certain.

High Grade Lehigh Coal, all sizes all ways in stock and under cover. Guaranteed free from dirt.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Roger Stain-floor varnish will make your old floors look new.

REIDGRAVE BROS.

The Academy windows are to be screened on the outside with fine copper wire netting to keep out dangerous things like flies, mosquitoes and flying bees.

Fall Millinery, Miss M. R. Monahan having charge of the millinery department invites you to call and see her fine display of trimmed hats.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The highest cash prices paid for hides of all kinds. At SHIVERS MEAT MARKET.

Racing—Townsend Driving Park—Saturday, September 30—P. M. Some of the very best horses of the Peninsula will be in the race. Good brass band will be in attendance to enliven the occasion.

The Ladies' Mite Society of Forest Presbyterian Church will hold a Rummage Sale in connection with a bake, on Saturday, October 7th, over the THE TRANSCRIPT office on Main Street.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson announces her millinery opening Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27th, and 28th. You are cordially invited to call and see the fine display of latest styles in fall hats.

After October 1st, the library hours will be—Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays 3 to 5. The library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.

Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, National Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Institution will make an address in the evening. Special music will be furnished by a selected choir. The public is cordially invited to attend the sessions.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Sept. 15th: Miss Martha S. Allen, Miss Maggie Brown, Mrs. Johnson (Dead Letter), Mrs. Sarah Reed, Mr. Joe C. Chamberlain, Rev. W. Lake, T. S. B. Lanehart and Mr. Harry Petty John.

Now is the time to have your Winter clothing cleaned. Men's suits \$2.50 trousers 75 cents. Ladies' skirts \$1.50 and \$1.75. Down quilts, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Blankets \$1.00 per pair. Lace curtains \$1.00 per pair. Vest 50 cents. Kid gloves, 15 cents per pair, all lengths. We also do the very finest dyeing.

ROBERT B. JONES.

The Fall Institute of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Forest Presbyterian Church of this town on Thursday, October 5th. There will be three sessions. Prof. A. R. Spauld of Wilmington, who has presided, probably in the afternoon and tell of his trip through Maine in the interest of Prohibition.

Grocery and Meat Stand for Sale.—Our grocery and meat store located on South Broad Street—now doing a nice business, and the only reason for selling is my intention to move elsewhere. Possession any time until Jan. 1st. Purchaser can rent store room for next year.

SKINNER & COURSEY

"Looking for a good opening?" are you young man, young ladies and you older folks? Of course you are—everybody is. "Good openings" are fine things to discover, that's a fact. And do you know there is going to be one made—a "fine opening" that is—right here in our midst—at Fogel and Burstan's next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 28-29-30. Read their ad. in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT and then come and see for yourselves if it isn't indeed a fine opening."

PUBLIC SALE, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27th, 1911. Miss Jennie Whitehead, of Town Point, Cecil Co., Md., 3 miles below Clayton will offer at Public Sale on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the farm where she now resides, her entire personal property, consisting of horses, cows, hogs and Farming Implements, such as Wagons, Plows, Cultivators, Harness, also Household Goods etc. Terms made known at sale.

MISS JENNIE WHITEHEAD.

We are very sorry to report the painful accident that recently happened to Master James Guesford while employed by Mr. E. R. Marker in hauling stone between this town and Warwick. He had one of Mr. Marker's teams and by some unfortunate accident his foot slipped while at his work and he fell breaking his left arm at the elbow, causing much pain to the little boy. Dr. E. G. Clark was summoned and relieved the sufferer. Mr. and Mrs. Marker express much sympathy for the little man over the accident.

MAMMOTH CORN

Middletown Beats All Creation For Big Corn

"Little (?) Delaware" up to the fore as usual. Delaware in the corn belt? Well, rather! Indeed we may say she's walking off with the belt! Some of our farmers around Middletown have just been seeing what they can do in the line of big corn raising this year. For example, Mr. Horatio W. Pharo brought to this office a fine yellow ear, well grained almost to the tip, with large round grains, measuring about 1 1/2 inches in length, and having 20 rows of 56 grains each, or something over 1000 grains in all. Fine! Mr. Joseph Biggs says Mr. Pharo one better with an ear a trifle larger, and better grained almost to the tip, save room for one or two more grains, that will shell probably, a few dozen grains of corn more.

But Mr. Charles Derrickson wrests not only the local but the national palm, according to the officials of the Philadelphia Corn Exchange, who have had sent them of corn raised in all parts of the great corn belt in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Mr. Derrickson showed here in town 4 ears 1 1/2 and 1 1/2 inches long respectively with 22 or 24 rows, and absolutely grained all over! They have made the Philadelphia experts in corn state. And no wonder, for they look not unlike golden walking sticks; would have served Hercules for a club to put the Lernean Hydra out of business or to do any one of his famous dozen stunts! Either of these two 1 1/2 ears probably has 1500 or 1600 grains on it—maybe more.

Now if any of the TRANSCRIPT's exchanges can beat it, or if anybody from anywhere can even find a fellow to these John L. Sullivan—please trot 'em out, or in the words of the marriage ceremony, "for ever hereafter hold your peace." "We pause for a reply."

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Mr. Henry Casar, of near Kirkwood came within an ace of being killed at the Frogton crossing Tuesday afternoon about half past five o'clock. As a freight train was passing the crossing at that point his horse ran almost on top of it, then suddenly veering ran alongside the track towards the little shelter house of the watchman.

The course of the team was along a steep grassy bank, and the space between the horse and the moving train was so narrow to admit of the passage of a horse and carriage. Fortunately before the carriage reached the narrowest point it struck an empty oil barrel which became jammed under the carriage in such fashion as slightly to turn its course away from the train toward which it was heading, and but for which the team would have collided with the train.

Again the further circumstance of the carriage striking a high platform connecting the house with the ground, which broke it loose, saved the carriage, horse and rider being jammed between the train and the house—an accident which would probably have proven a gruesome tragedy. Immediately after striking the platform the carriage top was broken into pieces, and the harness striped from the horse, which ran up the track to the farm-house on the Maxwell place and was there caught. Mr. Casar was hurled from his seat to the ground by the collision, and luckily fell away from rather than toward the passing cars. Though his clothing was badly torn, he suffered no serious injury, nor save a small cut on his leg, was the horse harmed, one of the hind wheels of the carriage was shattered and the rear axle bent.

Mr. Casar got another team and securing his horse went to his home. The carriage was hauled into town the next day for repairs.

Remarkable Silo Corn

Our enterprising townsman, Mr. Frederick Brady who beside conducting the useful manufacturing project known as the "Middletown Farms" creamery also does a few things in the agricultural way, and who has before now given the farmers of this vicinity more than one excellent object lesson in progressive farming, has just given another valuable exhibition in growing silo corn.

He has about 20 acres of exceptionally fine silo corn. Here are some of its features. Its average height is certainly 12 to 14 feet, and plenty stalks 15 and 16 feet high—3 to 8 to a plant, and with 10 to 20 blades to a stalk, some blades in their widest part, 5 inches across and 4 feet 10 inches in length counting the stipules. The stalks will average about one good ear of corn from 5 to 12 inches long well grained. The field in question is not exceptionally fertile though well manured with phosphate and with a crop of wheat and soy beans turned under green. It is certainly a sight worth visiting.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS LEVI SCOTT

The remains of Mr. Thomas Levi Scott, formerly a resident of our town, but for some time making his home in Maryland, who died on Tuesday after a long illness, were brought here on the 3:29 train Thursday and interred in Forest Cemetery, Rev. Alfred T. Scott, of Wilmington, a relative having charge of the services. Mr. Scott was a well-known citizen of Middletown in years past, having been engaged in the milk business previous to his failure in health.

WILLIAM H. STAATS In Wilmington, on September 21, 1911, William H. Staats, in his 80th year. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at the funeral parlors of James T. Chandler, No. 212 W. Ninth street, on Sunday afternoon, September 24, 1911, at 1 o'clock. Interment at Riverview cemetery.

Mr. Staats was formerly a resident in this neighborhood and was a highly esteemed citizen.

Boy's Gym. Started

Mrs. Ross Weber has generously opened her heart and given the young gymnasts a lift by offering them a room rent free in which to do their acrobatic exercises. One of their number writes THE TRANSCRIPT that "none of our young men have organized a private gym and will start in full swing, Monday night."

Success to you boys! Perhaps the TRANSCRIPT and other friends will be able to give you a lift later.

OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

Mr. Holmes Burk spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. Joseph Biggs has been ill, but is about once more.

Miss Mary Rothwell is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Richard Nandain is on a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Richard L. Nandain is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Sallie Hoggins, of Elwyn, Pa., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Griffith, of Sassafras, has Miss Hester Jones for a guest.

Miss Anna M. Freeman is able to be out after a very serious illness.

Mr. John J. Hoffecker is attending Goldkey College, in Wilmington.

Miss Helen Jones is spending several weeks with Wilmington friends.

Miss Mary Dayett, of Glasgow, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Kirk.

Mr. M. Doktor has gone to Wilmington to spend the Jewish New Year.

Mrs. Mary Vanderford at Atlantic City is entertaining Miss Mary Beaten.

Mrs. Jay, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her brother, J. G. Bragdon and wife.

Miss Pearl Gardner, of Centerville, Md., is the guest of Miss Naomi Keith.

Miss May Unruh, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Letherbury.

Mrs. Richard Cochran of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Derrickson.

Mrs. John H. Caldwell, of Boston, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins.

Mrs. J. B. VanSant, of Philadelphia, is spending several days with relatives this week.

Miss Mary Dunning, of Philadelphia, is spending several days with Mrs. J. B. Ford.

Miss Madge Corkran, of Centerville, is spending some time with Miss Helen Biggs.

Miss Lavicia Wilson, of Ocean City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

Miss Bessie Wright, of Millington, Md., was the guest of Miss Laura Donohue on Saturday.

Miss Bertie Wright, of Cambridge, Md., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Linton Daubell.

Miss Caddie Evans and Miss Mary Pool, of McDonough, are spending the week at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Thomas Hall, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. H. Moore, at the Presbyterian Manse.

Mrs. Joseph H. Enos and Miss Mary C. Staats, of Odessa, were guests of the Misses Ethel and Anna Denny yesterday.

Miss Jane E. Aitken, of Kennett Square, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham and sister on East Main street.

Miss Myrtle Houtain has returned from a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. John M. Nandain in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. William Collins, of Smyrna, was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Crouch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Montgomery and daughter, Irma, are spending several days with relatives in Camden, N. J.

Mrs. George Rowe, formerly of this town, but now of Washington, has joined the Middletown Colony at Rehoboth.

Mr. A. Fogel spent several days this week in New York looking at new fashion things in the big Department stores.

Mrs. Wilmina Price and daughter, Miss Dora, are spending the week with her son, William Price, in Middle Neck, Md.

John F. Metten, of the Clyde Steamship Line, of Philadelphia, is on a two month's trip to Europe, in the interest of his firm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Featherbridge, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday visitors with their uncle, Mr. A. G. Cox and family.

Miss Blanch Lockwood, of Philadelphia, is spending a two weeks' vacation with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Lockwood on Oak street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kates and two daughters, Sarah and Helen, and Miss Mary Baker spent the week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Johnson, of Boston, Mass., and Mr. Ernest Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent several days with his sister Mrs. Earle Goldsboro.

Miss Elva Reed and Miss Nellie Rash and Messrs. Hill and Godwin, all of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Olson on Sunday.

John J. Hard and friend, Miss Lizzie Armstrong, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hord, near McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rothwell and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rothwell, of Camden, N. J., will spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biggs.

Mr. E. W. Pharo and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pharo, have returned to their home in Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Clifford Hudson, Misses Amy and Manilla Crossley, of near Clayton, spent Saturday with Mrs. E. Josephine Dickson, on East Main Street.

Mrs. Carl Harrington and little son, Carl, of Baltimore, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran. Mr. Harrington spent last Sunday here.

Mrs. Philip Gallagher and son, Kenneth, of Burlington, N. J., have returned home, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jewell and daughter, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Aleton and Miss Elva Reed and Mr. Harry Godwin were brief callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Marker on Sunday, it being an auto party.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Comegys and little son, William Smith Comegys, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Miss Hester Jones is visiting Mrs. Harry Griffith, of Sassafras, Md., and Mrs. Griffith went to Westminster, Md., this week to visit Mrs. Griffith's daughter, Miss Mary, who is at school there. Miss Mary secured a four years scholarship at the school by passing the best examination in a class of thirteen. Her friends are congratulating her on her good fortune and on her excellent ability.

SONG AND DRAMATIC RECITAL

Those who failed to hear Miss Harriet E. Bailey sing and recite Friday evening September 15th, in the Hall of the New Century Club, missed a treat. Miss Bailey is a highly trained elocutionist and singer who has studied under a number of notable teachers and masters in Europe and America in her life-long devotion to her chosen profession, and her performance was a very creditable one in every respect. Her opening song, "Farewell to Marguerite," for which Miss Lola Ingram played the accompaniment, was sung with exquisite finish and tenderness. Miss Bailey has a strong, well trained mezzo voice which she well knows how to use effectively in song or recitation.

Miss Ingram next played "The Brook" on the piano with good touch and expression, whereupon Miss Bailey recited with much feeling Bulwer's dainty lyric, "Aux Italiens." Then she gave a comic bit entitled, "The Bride's First Morning at Market," then sang "Sunbeams." She followed this with a recitation given with real dramatic power, "The Claret Race From Ben Hur," and a charming song, "When The Heart Was Young," together with a second humorous selection, "A Night in the Nursery." Miss Lola played two other instrumental selections very well. Miss Bailey's singing and recitation are of the highest order both vocally and dramatically, though her voice was not in condition to do herself full justice in either role that evening. She discloses in her work an entire absence of the too common mannerisms of women when speaking and a naturalness and propriety of accent and gesture that is refreshing in its adherence to Hamlet's wise admonition to the players not to "o'erstep the modesty of nature." Miss Bailey deserved a full house, and that should have been the Opera House, and we trust, should she again favor Middletown with an exhibition of her talents, she will have both. She gives, we understand, a performance in Smyrna at an early date.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Robinson and son are being entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Nile.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb, of Blackbird, visited Miss Ethelwyn Maloney this week.

Miss Ethel W. Lee returned home on Thursday last after a six weeks visit with her sister near Smyrna.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vossell, of Smyrna, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Money.

Miss Marion McGon, of Reading, Pa., was entertained by Miss Ethelwyn Maloney a few days of this week.

Mr. H. G. Lloyd Knotts visited his parents here on Sunday.

Miss Benah Hodgson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Wilson, at Smyrna.

Mrs. Mary E. Money spent a few days of this week with her son Mr. William Money and family.

Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Pritchard and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones, Miss Anna Jones, Mrs. W. A. Scott Mrs. L. L. Maloney and daughter, Elizabeth, Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, Mr. Hart Scott, attended the wedding of Mr. D. E. Jones to Miss Ida Fraser, of Dover, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have the best wishes for a long and happy life by their many friends.

WARWICK

Miss Bertha Lynch is visiting in Wilmington.

Preaching here Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. S. D. Wilson spent several days last week with Mrs. Edward Spear near Massey, Md.

Miss Davis, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with Mrs. Arabella Piser, of near town.

Mrs. A. R. Merritt spent last Thursday with her sister, Mrs. William Ginn, near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Edward Armstrong, of near Middletown, visited her mother Mrs. Benjamin Hall one day last week.

Mrs. J. R. H. Price entertained a few young people on Tuesday evening last. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. Sadie Royds and friend, of Philadelphia, visited the former's sister, Mrs. William Williamson Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Gervis G. Hill left for Western Maryland College on Tuesday morning, after spending his vacation with his parents Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Hill.

A Serious Operation a Success

Miss Clara Willits, a young daughter of our townsman Mr. Merritt N. Willits, went on Monday to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia in charge of Dr. Schaeffer, a specialist, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

On Tuesday evening her friends received the pleasing news that she had come out from under the ether without being sickened and was doing well. Later advice so late as Thursday confirm this good report we are happy to say.

Miss Willits is a very popular member of the young ladies set in and near Middletown and has very many friends who will bear with the keenest pleasure the news of her continued improvement.

Gill House Rented

The residence of the late John Drummond on Green street, now owned by his heirs, the members of the Gill family has been rented by Mr. James H. Middletown from Selbyville a young man who has been a resident of town for about six months. Mr. Middletown is a very pleasant young man and is engaged in the life insurance business.

Mrs. Darlington's House Sold

Mrs. Richard R. Cochran has bought of Mrs. M. J. Darlington her house on Green street and will remove from his farm near Middletown and reside therein. The purchase price was \$2500. The dwelling is a commodious one well situated on a quiet, retired street and will make Mr. Cochran a very pleasant residence.

Low Fares to the West

Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets to Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast, Western Canada, Mexico and Southwestern points on sale every day until October 14, inclusive, at reduced fares. Consult nearest Ticket Agent.

Card of Thanks

We desire to hereby thank all our friends who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement in the death of our beloved wife and mother.

DAN M. COCHRAN AND CHILDREN.

CHESEAPEAKE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wolley are spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Mr. Thomas Kibler, of Philadelphia, visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Albert Clayton, of Elkins Park, Pa. is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary Clayton Price.

Mr. Fred B. Cooling, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in town.

The Presbyterian Missionary meeting was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. I. G. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Barwick and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting his aunt, Miss Alice Clark.

Rev. Charles Walker, of New York, conducted services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last.

Mrs. Joshua Craig, of Baltimore, is spending some time at the home of her brother A. J. Bouchelle.

Mr. Ellis M. Clark, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at the home of his uncle, Clayton L. Ellison.

Mr. George W. Vaughan returned home on Monday night after spending three months on the Steamer Baltimore.

Miss A. Louise Boulden and guest Miss Marion Boulden spent Saturday and Sunday at Port Deposit and Havre de Grace.

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Our Grand Fall Opening

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This week's ad. is an invitation to a Fashion Feast rather than a description of the Feast itself or of any of the "good things" it offers. Hence we shall content ourselves mainly with the announcement of Our Opening and a somewhat full statement of the treasures in the way of the NEW-EST and CHOICEST of the FALL FASHIONS in Millinery and Wearing Apparel.

Hats, Suits, Waists, Skirts, Pola Coats, Dresses, etc., that, it offers, leaving it for our valued customers and the public, to COME AND SEE for themselves the fine, new things in every line to be seen there.

Neither will we price anything, but leave for your visit the pleased surprise of Style, Quality and Newness vs. mere Prices—and these more reasonable than ever before! Though Quality and all that are going up, Prices have not kept them company but rather gone THE OTHER WAY.

Our experienced and tasty Mr. Fogel has just returned from a trip to New York City, where he spent half the week in viewing and inspecting at Fashions very center the latest Parisian and London styles in MILLINERY and WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL, as exhibited in the superb Fall Openings then being held in the leading Department Stores in that City.

Time was not